

Washington, DC –Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) today introduced a resolution, *H. RES. 499*, to congratulate St. Paul's University of St. Thomas 'Tommies' baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men's Baseball National Championship – their second national title.

"The Tommies success in winning the 2009 NCAA Division III baseball championship makes not only St. Thomas proud, but all of Minnesota. I applaud the hard work and commitment to excellence that this team and their coaches represent. This congressional resolution is a recognition of the achievements of the St. Thomas players, coaches, educators, students and parents," Congresswoman McCollum said.

Matt Olson, a junior out fielder from Anoka, was voted the College World Series' Most Outstanding Player. Pitcher Matt Schuld, a junior from Plymouth, is one of only four Division III players named both All-American and Academic All-American for 2009. The team's head Coach, Dennis Denning, has led St. Thomas University's men's baseball team to four NCAA Division III College World Series and was named the ABCA/Rawlings Division III National Coach of the Year in 2001.

The Tommies defeated the College of Wooster Fighting Scots of Wooster, Ohio, 3 to 2, on May 26, 2009, to become the 2009 NCAA Champions. The baseball team finished the 2008-2009 season with a record of 41-13 and became the third team in the 34 years of Division III baseball championships to win six NCAA playoff elimination games. The University of St. Thomas is Minnesota's largest independent higher education institution.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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